

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-19, and 26-38 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 4-7, 17-19, 27, 28, 37, and 38 being independent. Claims 3, 9, and 20-25 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 17-19 have been amended and Claims 26-38 have been added. Applicants submit that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended Claim 2 in view of the Examiner's comments. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at least in Fig. 4 and the corresponding description in the specification. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection are requested.

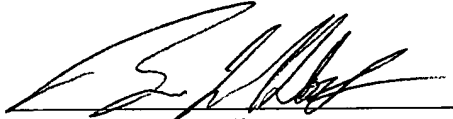
Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 3, 4, 9 and 17 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form, and therefore Applicants submit that those claims should be allowed. Further, the features of Claim 3 and Claim 9 have been incorporated into independent Claim 1 and Claim 7, respectively. Therefore, Claims 1 and 7 effectively correspond to Claims 3 and 9 rewritten in independent form, and Claims 1 and 7 should also be allowed. In addition, the features of Claim 3 have been incorporated into Claims 5 and 6, the features of Claim 9 have been incorporated into Claims 18 and 19,

the features of Claim 4 have been included in new independent Claims 27 and 28, and the features of Claim 17 have been included in new independent Claims 37 and 38.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now allowable and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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